

ALLIES AGREE UPON TERMS OF ARMISTICE

(By United Press.)
London, Oct. 24.—The Allies have agreed upon the terms of the armistice, according to information obtained here.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

Washington, Oct. 24.—Marshal Foch together with American and Allied commanders left by President Wilson to apply armistice terms have agreed upon a course tantamount to Germany's unconditional surrender.

ATTACK RENEWED.

London, Oct. 24.—The attack was renewed this morning on the whole front between the Oise canal and the Scheldt, Field Marshal Haig reports today. The forest north of Valenciennes has been cleared of the enemy and 3 villages have been captured.

ALLIED TROOPS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE.

London, Oct. 24.—British troops with Americans cooperating continue their advance on front of nearly 20 miles south of Valenciennes.

- Max Has the "Flu"

Copenhagen, Oct. 24.—Prince Maximilian, German chancellor, is ill with influenza.

STILL DRIVING GERMANS.

But Progress Has Slowed Down—Enemy is Offering Stubborn Resistance.

From this morning's summary of the war news by the Associated Press the following is taken:

The Allied armies in France and Belgium are still driving the Germans toward their border, but the progress is now comparatively slow.

On the sectors that are requisite to the stability of the entire German line—where a crash through probably would mean the immediate collapse of the whole of the defensive system—the most stubborn resistance is being offered by the enemy, and what gains are being made by the allies are virtually foot by foot in the face of the hornets off the battle line—the machine guns.

Particularly vicious fighting is in progress west of the Meuse river where the Americans in their endeavors to overcome the natural obstacles barring the way northward to Sedan, are faced by picked troops with orders to hold them back at all costs; in the region from Le Cateau to the north of Valenciennes, where the British and some Americans gradually are tearing their way through the enemy's front, and between Tournai and Audenarde where the British also are hard after the enemy.

Notwithstanding the frantic endeavors of the enemy to maintain their positions on all three of these sectors, material progress has been made. Likewise, northeast of Laon the French on an eight-mile front have delivered a thrust that carried them forward from two to three miles. Into the hands of the British have fallen 2,000 more German prisoners, while the Americans west of the Meuse also have gathered in numbers of the enemy and a considerable quantity of his machine guns.

Veritable nests of machine guns are being encountered by Americans as they attempt to press forward along the front from the Meuse to the town of Grand Pre, situated north of the Argonne forest, but in spite of these obstacles they have taken further ground and at last accounts were steadily keeping up their pressure against the enemy. Extremely heavy counter-attacks have been sustained north of Grand Pre and on this sector particularly strong concentrations of enemy artillery fire have gone almost for naught. On the western bank of the Meuse the town of Brielon has been taken, the enemy having burned and evacuated it and retreated in the general direction of Dun.

Exactly what has been accomplished by the French in a drive northeast of Laon, except a gain over a wide front, has not yet become apparent, but it brings appreciably nearer Mont Cornet, the important railroad in this region.

North and south of Valenciennes Field Marshal Haig has continued his attacks against the Germans and everywhere made good progress. Between Le Cateau and Solesmes, a sharp wedge has been driven into the German line, threatening the town of Maubeuge on the east and outflanking Valenciennes on the south. North of Valenciennes the town of Bruy has been captured, virtually making Valenciennes untenable for the enemy. To the north of this region the British have reached the west bank of the Scheldt canal.

Already the British are in the western outskirts of Valenciennes where hard fighting is in progress, the Germans having posted machine guns innumerable on the eastern bank of the canal which runs to the center of the city.

In northern Belgium the Germans are still retiring. Unofficial reports are to the effect that Ghent is being evacuated.

—Mr. J. Frank Stephens of R. 1 from Orrum was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. Stephens has recovered from an attack of Spanish influenza.

SURRENDER IS "ESSENTIAL"

President Says That Must Be Understood if U. S. is to Deal With Military Masters of Germany—No Armistice Except With Germany Hors de Combat.

President Wilson has submitted the German plea for armistice and peace to the Allies and at the same time has informed Berlin that there can be no armistice except upon terms that would make it impossible for Germany to renew hostilities.

While consenting to deal further with the present authorities in Germany, the President has given them this warning:

"If it (the United States) must deal with the military masters and monarchical autocrats of Germany now, or if it is likely to have to deal with them later in regard to the international obligations of the German empire, it must demand, not peace negotiations, but surrender. Nothing can be gained by leaving this essential thing unsaid."

The President's reply to the last German note was handed to the charge of the Swiss legation last night for transmission to the German government. It accedes to the request that he take up with the Allies the proposals of the new spokesmen of the German people, but does it with notice that virtual surrender of the Teutonic armies in the field will be the price demanded for interruption of the beating now being administered.

THE "FLU" AT GADDYSVILLE

Several Deaths Recorded—No New Cases This Week.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), Oct. 23.—The influenza wave seems subsiding here, as we hear of no new cases this week.

Mrs. C. W. Branch succumbed to an attack of influenza-pneumonia Thursday a. m. after two weeks' illness. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband and 9 children—6 boys and 3 girls. One of the boys in Camp Jackson hospital with influenza and mumps. The entire family of Mr. Branch were sick at the same time, but are rapidly improving.

Mr. Frank Page died Friday of the same dread disease. Mr. Page was about 40 years old. He leaves a devoted wife and several children who are suffering with the same thing.

Mr. W. B. Gaddy, who lives across the line, died Thursday. Mr. Gaddy was not at home at the time of his death, being at Dillon nursing his son. A day or so before his death his mother died of the same disease. Mrs. Gaddy was the mother of Mr. R. A. Gaddy of this place.

Mrs. N. R. Page died of the same thing Friday at her home near White Pond. She leaves a large family, including a devoted husband.

W. V. B.

CARING FOR SICK.

Rowland Red Cross Has Equipped School Building for Hospital for Colored—It Also Has Opened a Diet Kitchen.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, Oct. 22.—The Rowland chapter of the Red Cross has equipped the colored school building for an emergency hospital for the colored race. The rooms are large, well ventilated and everything is in readiness to accommodate any patients suffering from influenza or pneumonia.

The Red Cross has also opened a diet kitchen and is serving hot, nourishing soups and other suitable food to those who are sick. The influenza situation has been rather serious here but seems more optimistic today than at any other time since it broke out. This community has been very fortunate in securing and very grateful to Dr. Herring of Charlotte who came last week to relieve us.

CREST OF WAVE REACHED.

Influenza Conditions Are Expected to Improve Rapidly Now—Tide Has Turned—Very Few New Cases and No Deaths in Town—Mills Resume Operations.

The crest of the influenza wave in and about Lumberton has been reached, according to local physicians. Very few new cases have developed in Lumberton this week and no deaths have been reported in town. Doctors say they expect conditions to improve very fast now that the tide has turned. Conditions at the mill villages are reported as very favorable, no new cases developing. The mills have resumed operations in part after being closed down three weeks.

All American Dead to Be Brought From France.

All the American dead in France will be brought home after the war, according to orders received by army chaplains.

TO DISPENSE NOURISHMENT TO "FLU" VICTIMS

Central Soup Kitchen Opened to Supply Families That Need Help—Town Divided Into 4 Wards and Committee Appointed.

A central soup kitchen has been opened in the old Columbia hotel building and soup will be dispensed from this kitchen to those suffering from influenza and complications. The town has been divided into four wards and committees appointed to make investigations and report cases where aid is needed.

This action was decided upon at a meeting of the civilian relief committee of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter yesterday afternoon. The meeting was held in front of the court house.

The town was divided north and south by Sixth street. The northern section east and west by Elm and the southern section east and west by Pine street. The following were appointed as a committee to look after conditions in the wards in which they live: Mesdames S. McIntyre, Daisy W. Jenkins, A. S. King, J. M. McCallum, E. R. McIntyre, L. T. Townsend, R. E. Lewis, E. B. Freeman, C. B. Skipper, Misses Winifred Rowland, Janie Carlyle, Marjorie Russell, Agnes McLean, Cammie McNeill, Lillian Proctor and Amanda McDiarmid.

The soup kitchen is being operated under the direction of Miss Lulu M. Cassiday. It is desired that all who can send soups from their homes to the kitchen. They will be distributed from there to the homes where they are needed.

Not only will the white people be supplied, but colored families as well.

ST PAULS NEWS PACKAGE.

Patriotic Folk—"Flu" Situation Improved—News From Soldiers—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, Oct. 23.—We are proud to see our little town did so well in getting up 4th Liberty Loan bonds. Our folks are patriotic enough to do all we can to help our noble boys who are sacrificing so much for us and our dear old native land.

Yes, the "Flu" has been and is here, but we hope will soon take its flight. We notice the factory was able to start up again this week. Probably the churches will soon be able to open up also. Let's hope for the best, anyway, and watch for the sunshine. We notice a few new cases at this writing, but trust they will soon be out again. Don't get up too soon, though, seems to be good advice in this "flu" business. Lots of the folks are wearing sulphur in their shoes. No harm, sure, and might be some preventative, and anyway it does not hurt our feet to tread on sulphur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Powers are smiling over their new daughter. A cable message sometime ago informed us Mr. John Alex McGeachy, who went as Y. M. C. A. worker, was slightly wounded in France. We learn also Mr. Carl Johnson, brother of our townsman Mr. A. B. Johnson, was slightly wounded. We trust we shall hear some "good news" soon, which will relieve the anxiety of the home folks and friends.

Mr. Hally M. Johnson, who belongs to the navy, spent a few days among us. Got 5 days furlough, was looking well, seems like navy agrees with him o. k.

We were sorry to hear some time ago Mr. Shaw McEachern was ill, but is in one of the naval convalescent hospitals and says he's "putting on 2 pounds a day" now. Let us hope he will soon regain all he lost.

Rev. J. J. Murray, our former pastor, was still at Camp Fremont, California but was in quarantine, so guess he will soon join our noble men "over there," and success we wish 'em all. Get old Kaiser, boys, and hurry and come back. We folks back home are keeping the home fire burning for you.

Miss Josephine Evans is home. Her school was suspended on account of "flu" rage. Mr. Francis Northrop was able to return to Greensboro where he's been in school. This influenza epidemic must look somewhat brighter when some of the schools and colleges are opening again. Flora Macdonald broke last week. Lots of the girls were sick and could not get away.

Miss Mary Lavinia Johnson came by on her way to help nurse the sick. She's been at Parkton for some time nursing.

Over 2 Million Men Overseas.

At the same time the President's reply to Germany was made public last night the White House gave out correspondence between Secretary Baker and President Wilson showing that more than 2 million American soldiers have embarked to participate in the war overseas.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 5TH?

STANTON McKINNON.

Popular Young Man of Rowland Succumbs to Influenza-Pneumonia.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, Oct. 22.—It is hard to remember when more sincere grief spread over this community than on Saturday night, Oct. 19, when news of Stanton Byrd McKinnon's death was heard. The young man was born in July 1900, and died from pneumonia resulting from influenza.

Stanton was a general favorite with young and old throughout the entire community. His sunny disposition and cherry smile quickly won friends for him. He was never too busy or too tired to do something to lighten someone's burden. Just a few days before he was stricken with influenza, he volunteered to carry a grieving father and mother to see their son who was ill at Camp Jackson, thereby exposing himself to the disease of the epidemic; but that was characteristic of his noble young manhood.

Stanton left high school here in the spring of 1917 and enlisted in coast artillery for the defense of his country, which he served like a hero until his father's death in July of that year. Since that time he had been with his mother here, but was planning to enter the university for military training this fall. Surely a splendid young man has joined the throng of others who are going so rapidly now.

'Twas a significant fact that just at the hour of his death, news reached here that Henry Straughan, who enlisted at the same time as Stanton had died of influenza in France on September 26. The two boys were great friends.

The funeral was conducted from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Graham McKinnon, Monday morning at 11 o'clock and interment followed at Ashpole cemetery. The floral tributes were unusually beautiful.

Surviving are his mother, two brothers, D. Prather and Graham, and one sister, Miss Allie Byrd McKinnon, besides numerous other relatives.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. Noah Stubbs of Fairmont.

Mr. Noah Stubbs of Fairmont died Monday afternoon of pneumonia following influenza. Deceased is survived by his wife and two children. Interment was made in the Fairmont cemetery Tuesday at noon.

Miss Mattie Scott.

Miss Mattie Scott, aged about 40 years, died at the home of Mr. Lewis Scott, with whom she lived, three miles east of Lumberton, Tuesday. Deceased had been sick for several days with influenza.

Mrs. Ralph Purcell of Floral College.

Mrs. Ralph Purcell of the Floral College section, near Maxton, died Monday of influenza-pneumonia. Deceased had only been married a few months.

Mr. Lester Britt of Mt. Elim.

Mr. Lester Britt died Tuesday afternoon at his home near Mt. Elim of influenza-pneumonia. Mr. Britt is the fourth member of his family to die from this disease and four other members of the family are seriously ill.

Mrs. F. M. Page of Gaddysville.

Mrs. F. M. Page of the Gaddysville section died Tuesday of influenza-pneumonia. Her husband died Friday of last week of the same disease. Six children survive, all of whom are sick with influenza.

Mr. Norman Britt.

Mr. Norman Britt, aged 19 years, died Tuesday night at the home of his father, Mr. Nathan Britt, at the Jennings cotton mill village, of influenza. Several other members of the family are sick.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt: John Leach, colored, assault upon James McEachern, colored; judgment suspended upon payment of the cost. James McEachern, colored, assault upon Carl Leach; not guilty. "Stump" Mitchell, Indian, carrying concealed weapons; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the cost.

Dates for Farmers' Union Meeting Changed.

The dates of the annual meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' Union have been changed from October 30-31 to December 11-12. The change was made on account of the influenza conditions. The meeting will be held at Wilson.

Burnt Swamp Association Postponed.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, Oct. 23.—The meeting of the Burnt Swamp association has been postponed indefinitely, subject to the call of the moderator.

EXAMINATIONS SUSPENDED.

No Registrants for Military Duty Will Be Examined Until Further Notice—Subscribe for The Robesonian and Save Yourself and the Local Board Unnecessary Trouble.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The War Department has left it to my discretion as to whether we should continue physical examination of registrants recently placed in class one, and on account of the fact that so many registrants or members of their families have the influenza, and the further fact that the medical member of this board is himself ill with the same disease, and the demand for the other physicians in treating the sick is so great, I have concluded to suspend examinations until further notice.

It is impossible to state just when examinations will begin again, as this will depend somewhat on the breaking of the influenza epidemic, but it is safe to assume that there will be no examinations before the middle of next week. No further permits will be given through the Robesonian, and I advise all registrants to look for the notice in Monday's and Thursday's issues.

In this connection, I desire to say that every important notice effecting registrants will hereafter be published in The Robesonian, and I therefore URGE that every registrant in district No. 1, who does not have access to the paper subscribe immediately. It will save both the registrant and this local board a vast amount of trouble incident to coming to town for information, writing letters, telephoning, etc. Of course the information will also be given to the other papers, but The Robesonian is the one paper published twice a week, and therefore the only paper through which you can promptly get the information.

Very truly yours,
T. L. JOHNSON, Chairman.
Oct. 23rd, 1918.

CLARKTON NEWS NOTES.

"Flu" Patients Nearly All Well Again—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton, Oct. 22.—We are glad to report the "flu" patients nearly all on foot again with the exception of a few that took it lately.

We are glad to see Editor A. C. Johnston of the Lumberton Tribune in our town, and are especially glad to welcome him as editor of the Bladen Journal. With the assistance of Miss Mary E. Johnston he has taken another paper. Miss Johnston has had several years of newspaper experience and is very familiar with the management of a paper. We wish for him much success in his double editors' undertakings.

Mr. Samuel T. Meares resigned his position in Washington and after spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Meares, left last week for Yazzee, Miss., to accept a position on the staff of a paper belonging to Senator John Sharpe Williams.

Mr. J. C. Kelly of Camp Stanly, Texas, visited his father, Mr. J. N. Kelly, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Brown of Chadburn spent one day last week in town.

The many friends and relatives were very much shocked to hear of the death of Mr. J. R. B. Edwards, which occurred in Lumberton on the 13th.

Mrs. Alice McAuley of Mt. Gilead is visiting her daughter Mrs. O. L. Clark, Jr.

Mr. John H. Page returned to camp Jackson after spending a few days at home.

We were glad to see Rev. D. J. Clark of Elizabethtown in town Tuesday.

Misses Bertha and Elizabeth Gooden returned home after spending some time in Wilmington with relatives.

Big Naval Program Proposed.

Congress has been asked by the Navy Department to authorize a second 3-year naval bill building program to provide 10 additional super-dreadnoughts, 6 battle cruisers and 140 smaller vessels at a cost of \$600,000,000. This authorization is asked for the next fiscal year and is in addition to the 156 naval vessels comprising the first 3-year building program authorized in 1916 and the great number of new destroyers and other special types contracted for since the United States entered the war.

Mr. J. L. Williamson Critically Ill At Camp Johnson.

Mrs. J. L. Williamson left Tuesday evening for Camp Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., in response to a message advising that her husband was very ill in a camp hospital with influenza-pneumonia.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted at 28 cents the pound on the local market today; strict middling 28 1-4 cents.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mrs. W. R. McGill received a cablegram from her son, Mr. Leon McGill, who is "somewhere in France" yesterday. The message stated that he was well and happy.

—Misses Rachel McNamara and Viola Jenkins have returned home from Winston-Salem, where they were students at Salem college. They came home on account of the influenza conditions.

—Mr. H. H. Hemaley of Baltimore, Md., has accepted a position as clerk at the Lorraine hotel. Mr. Hemaley arrived last week and Mrs. Hemaley and small son, Hugh, Jr., arrived Tuesday.

—Although he has been trying for two weeks to secure some outside nurses to assist in looking after those suffering with influenza and complications here, Mayor Jas. D. Proctor has been unable to get any results.

—Miss Hazel Carlyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle, came home Monday evening from Greensboro, where she is a student at the Greensboro college for women, to recuperate from an attack of influenza.

—At the auction sale of a portion of the Alfred Britt place, near Buie, yesterday, 243 acres were sold for over \$14,000, an average of \$60 the acre. The sale was conducted by Murphy Bros. Land Auction Co. of Lumberton and Greensboro.

—In a letter accompanying a check to renew his subscription to The Robesonian Mr. N. H. Johnson of R. 1, St. Pauls, says, "Glad you had to put it where it always should have been—on a cash basis." That's the way Robesonian subscribers feel about it.

—Mr. S. R. Fenegan, who has just recovered from a 4-weeks' seige at the Thompson hospital of influenza, followed by pneumonia, will go this afternoon to his home at Dillon, S. C., to regain his strength. His brother Mr. R. W. Fenegan will take him home in his auto.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller, accompanied by Mr. Ralph Whaley, left today for Hendersonville. They are making the trip in Mr. Fuller's auto. Misses Epsie and Anna Neal Fuller, daughters of Mr. Fuller, who have been at Hendersonville several months, will return with them.

—A large bald eagle, measuring 7 feet 4 inches from tip to tip of wings, was brought to town this morning by Mr. Ed T. Taylor of Howellsville township and has attracted much interested attention. It was killed in the top of a tall tree in the Big swamp yesterday by a man on Mr. Taylor's place.

—Mr. E. N. Culbreth of Pembroke and Messrs. Frank Bullock and Walter McLeod of Rowland were named yesterday by Gov. Bickett among a large number of citizens of the State appointed to represent North Carolina at the 38th annual session of the Farmers' National Congress at Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 3-5.

—Mr. E. S. McNeill has a tomato "tree" in front of his meat market on North Elm street which attracts the attention of those passing that way. The "tree" came up voluntarily last spring and is now around 15 feet high and is still growing and bearing tomatoes. Mr. McNeill has been eating tomatoes from the "tree" for several months and there are plenty of blossoms and small tomatoes on the "tree" now.

—Mr. J. I. Carter of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town yesterday. Mr. Carter said a glass lamp exploded at his home Tuesday evening. The lamp was left burning in the kitchen after supper and members of the family heard the explosion and rushed to the scene. Flames were spreading in all directions. The flames were smothered out with quilts. No damage was done by the fire except the tablecloth was burned.

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